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REPLY TO
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Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) Policy Memorandum

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MEMORANDUM FOR CFLCC Personnel

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1. References:

- a. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 Feb 95
- b. DoD Manual 1348.33M, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards
- c. HQ, PERSCOM Message, DTG 271911Z Mar 03, Subject: Delegation of Wartime Approval Authority-Operation in Iraq
- d. COMCFLCC Message, DTG 031122Z Apr 03, Subject: Delegation of Wartime Awards Approval Authority-Operation Iraqi Freedom
- e. CENTCOM Memorandum, dated Dec 02, Subject: Delegation of Awards Approval Authority
- f. HQ, PERSCOM Message, DTG 121305Z, Nov 02, Subject: Second and Subsequent Awards of the Combat Infantryman and Combat Medical Badges
- g. HQ, PERSCOM Message, DTG 091135Z, Jul 02, Subject: Clarification of Purple Heart Criteria-Corrected Copy
- h. HQ, PERSCOM Message, DTG 110501Z, Mar 02, Subject: Award of the Combat Infantryman Badge and Combat Medical Badge-Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
- i. HQ, PERSCOM Message, DTG 11258Z APR 03, Subject: Delegation of Authority to Award Wartime Decoration to Foreign Military Personnel
- j. HQ, PERSCOM Message, DTG 161134Z APR 03, Subject: Wartime Versus Peacetime Service Awards for Wartime Theater

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2. This memorandum establishes the policies and procedures for administering the CFLCC Awards Program in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It applies to Army personnel assigned, attached and OPCON to CFLCC for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3. Based on references 1c and d, U.S. Army Wartime Award Authority for the Silver Star (SS) and lesser decorations (except the Legion of Merit), to include the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Combat Medical Badge (CMB), and Purple Heart (PH) has been delegated to the Commander, Coalition Forces Land Component Command (COMCFLCC). COMCFLCC delegated to Lieutenant General commanders the authority to award the SS and below (except the Legion of Merit) and to Major General commanders or Brigadier General commanders serving in Major General positions the authority to award the BSM and below to U.S. military personnel under their command.

a. For Army wartime award approval purposes, the area of operation is defined as the countries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt.

b. Authority to approve specific award recommendations is further delegated to the following: Commander, V Corps is delegated authority to award the SS and lesser decorations (except the Legion of Merit). Commanders of 3^d CORPS Support Command, 82D Airborne Division, 4th Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division, 3^d Infantry Division, 377th Theater Support Command, 416th Engineer Command and 335th Signal Command are delegated the authority to approve the BSM w/V-Device and lesser decorations to include the CIB, CMB and PH for soldiers assigned to their command. Authority will be revoked 90 days after commander's departure from the CFLCC AOR. Award recommendations that require processing after the commands authority has been revoked will be forwarded to the CFLCC C1.

c. All Colonel level commanders and above are delegated the authority to approve the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) with V-Device, for U.S. Army personnel under their command.

d. Award approval authority for units not covered in paragraphs 3b and 3c is COMCFLCC.

e. Commanders referenced in 3b, and Commanders of 32^d Army Air Missile Defense Command, 3^d Corps Support Command, 352^d Civil Affairs Command, having troops committed to the combat operation and Hospital commanders (not field hospitals) receiving casualties are delegated authority to award the PH.

f. LOM, AAM, MSM and DMSM awards may be considered for soldiers serving normal tours of duty in the areas of Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia for Permanent Change of Station

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(PCS), Expiration of Term of Service (ETS) and Retirement (RET). Award recommendations will be processed through the soldier's normal peacetime chain of command. If the soldier, due to PCS/ETS/RET, was also actively engaged in support of OIF, they can be recommended for a wartime achievement award if the commander deems their actions warrant an award. Commanders are reminded that rules pertaining to duplicate recognition as outlined in reference 1a, para 1-18 are still in effect.

4. Wartime awards will be submitted in as expeditious a manner as possible, but not later than 180 days after cessation of hostilities.

5. Commanders of units task organized under CFLCC will process awards through the CFLCC C1, as required, based on their respective delegated award approval authority. Faxed or scanned documents will be accepted for submission of time sensitive recommendations.

6. Specific procedural guidance for the following awards is as follows:

a. Purple Heart (PH): PERSCOM Military Awards Branch (MAB), in accordance with procedures outlined in reference 1a, paragraphs 2-8 and 2-17, is responsible for processing the awards for Soldiers Killed In Action (KIA) or Wounded In Action (WIA) and medically evacuated directly to the Continental United States. Commanders delegated Wartime Award Approval Authority are responsible for expeditiously obtaining all required supporting documentation and providing it to the MAB. The approved DA Form 638, narrative and citation for any service award recommendations processed on these soldiers will be provided to MAB by the servicing delegated command for preparation of award elements. Supporting documentation can be either faxed or emailed to the MAB. MAB POC is Ms. Denise Harris at DSN 312-221-4764 or fax number 312-221-2581.

(1) COMCFLCC and those commanders delegated award approval authority are responsible for the immediate processing of all PH recommendations for those soldiers WIA and not medically evacuated out of the theater of operation for additional treatment.

(2) Required documentation used to determine eligibility and processing of the PH will include DA Form 4187 or memorandum, Casualty Report, By-name Listing of soldiers recommended (multiple submissions) and Verification of Wounds document from the Medical Treatment Facility (MTF).

b. POW Medal: The Repatriation and Family Affairs Division (RFAD), PERSCOM, along with the MAB are responsible for the processing of the POW Medal, which is authorized for any person, who while serving in the capacity of the Armed Forces, was taken prisoner or held captive. The Commander, PERSCOM is the approval authority for the POW Medal award after

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determination of prisoner of war status by the RFAD. The medal will not be awarded until after the soldier is repatriated. Criteria for this award is as follows:

(1) The POW Medal shall be issued only to those taken prisoner by an enemy during armed conflict. Hostages of terrorists and persons detained by governments with which the United States is not engaged actively in armed conflict are not eligible for the medal.

(2) Prisoners of war whose conduct is not in accordance with the Code of Conduct and whose actions are documented by U.S. Military records are not eligible for the medal.

(3) No more than one medal is authorized. Service stars will signify subsequent acts of award of the medal.

(4) The POW medal may be awarded posthumously irrespective of the length of the captivity period.

c. Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) and Combat Medical Badge (CMB): In accordance with references 1b and c, only one award of the CIB and CMB is authorized for soldiers in support of the Global War on Terrorism Campaign. Soldiers who have earned a CIB and/or CMB for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM will not be eligible for one in support of OIF as this operation is a continuance of the Global War on Terrorism Campaign. Commanders will ensure procedures outlined in 1a are followed. Requests should include a DA Form 4187 or memorandum listing each soldier by complete name, social security number, PMOS, SMOS, BN/CO assigned to and a Battle Roster should be included. Each document must be signed by the first COL (O6) level Commander in the chain of command.

d. Assault Landing Credit Requirements: Units requesting assault landing credit will submit a memorandum to COMCFLCC for approval upon meeting the requirements in reference 1a, para 7-25. The memorandum will contain the following: size and composition of the force involved, lists of units that participated in the assault landing mission, length of the operation, the relationship between the tactical operations of the unified command controlling the operation, the beginning and ending date of the assault operation, enemy situation and reaction. Not later than 60 days after approval by the COMCFLCC, the data listed above will be submitted to Commander, PERSCOM, ATTN: TAPC-PDO-PA, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471. PERSCOM will forward the information to Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and the Department of the Army Center of Military History for confirmation. Upon confirmation, PERSCOM will publish a Department of the Army General Order (DAGO) announcing assault landing credit.

e. Campaign Credit Requirements: Army units will be deemed to have participated in combat if they actually engaged the enemy in combat, if they were stationed in a designated combat zone, or if they performed duties either in the air or on the ground in any part of the

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combat zone at any time during the designated period of the respective battle, campaign or expedition. These units will be identified in a Permanent Order by COMCFLCC and those orders will be forwarded to Commander, PERSCOM, for publishing of a DAGO announcing the campaign credit for the approved units.

7. Award Processing for Joint Awards:

a. In accordance with references 1a and b above, award approval authority for joint awards have been delegated to COMCFLCC by Cdr, CENTCOM.

b. Personnel assigned or attached to the CFLCC HQ staff in support of OIF are eligible for consideration for joint awards. COMCFLCC is the approval authority for DMSM and below for military personnel assigned or attached, regardless of service. Joint award recommendations for personnel not assigned or attached to CFLCC HQs must be processed through COMCFLCC to Commander, CENTCOM for approval.

8. Service Awards: Information on awards specific to the theater such as the GWOT Expeditionary medal and service ribbon are pending at DA. DA Awards Branch will distribute a separate message with implementation instructions on a later date.

9. Unit Awards – All unit award (Presidential Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award and Meritorious Unit Commendation) recommendations will be initiated in accordance with reference 1a, paragraphs 7-13 through 15, by the requesting commander and forwarded to the CFLCC C1 for processing at the end of the unit's tour in the AOR. Supporting documentation required is as follows:

a. Presidential Unit Citation: Narrative, proposed citation, operational orders and reports, maps showing the terrain, disposition and actions of opposing forces, number of casualties sustained on both sides, list of all units assigned/attached that were actually present and participating in the action and all other pertinent material (i. e. news articles, letters of endorsement, etc).

b. Valorous Unit Award: Narrative, proposed citation naming all participating units, operational orders and reports, maps showing the terrain, disposition and actions of opposing forces, number of casualties sustained on both sides, list of all units assigned/attached that were actually present and participating in the action and all other pertinent material (i. e. news articles, letters of endorsement, etc).

c. Meritorious Unit Commendation: Memorandum containing the following: Detailed unit mission statement, proposed citation, narrative outlining the period and basis for the award,

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number of absent without leave, number of convictions by courts-martial, number of punishment under Article 15, UCMJ.

d. Army Superior Unit Award: Detailed unit mission statement, narrative outlining the period and basis for the award, number of absent without leave, number of convictions by courts-martial, number of punishment under Article 15, UCMJ.

10. In accordance with reference 1c above, COMCFLCC has been delegated authority to approve Army award recommendations of SS and below for Foreign military personnel in the ranks comparable to grade of O6 and below. All recommendations will be forwarded to the COMCFLCC for processing in accordance with references 1a and f above. Documentation required for submission will include DA Form 638, narrative/justification, proposed citation, and biographical background sketch on the individual to receive the award.

11. Awards to members of other services will be submitted to the CFLCC C1 for processing in accordance with procedures outlined in reference 1a above. Wartime awards will not be made to a member of another service without concurrence from the military department concerned.

12. Wartime Award Certificate and Medal set requisition. Initial requests for wartime award medal sets can be submitted to the CFLCC-C1. **DODAAC for delegated approval authorities have been coded to allow for the delegated commands to requisition their own medal sets.** The following wartime award certificates can be requested from the CFLCC C1 via memorandum:

- a. DA Form 4980-4 Silver Star (SS)
- b. DA Form 4980-5 Bronze Star Medal (BSM)
- c. DA Form 4980-7 Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)
- d. DA Form 4980-9 Air Medal (AM)
- e. DA Form 4980-10 Purple Heart (PH)
- g. DA Form 4980-14 Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM)
- h. Green Binders 75110-00-755-7077


13. In accordance with wartime awards approval guidance from DA PERSCOM, all wartime award approval authorities will submit, on a quarterly basis, an awards approval report to the CFLCC C1 for consolidation and forwarding to DA PERSCOM Awards Branch. This requirement is on two excel spreadsheets. Examples may be found on SIPR on the ARCENT home page in the C1 staff section folder. The first reporting period is June 2003, covering the period of 19 March 2003 through 31 May 2003. Input is required from the MSC's NLT 7 June 2003 to CFLCC-C1, AG Operations.

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14. To ensure maximum benefit from CFLCC Awards Policy, it is the responsibility of the supervisory chain to ensure that outstanding performance and contributions are recognized during the member's tour of duty. To reduce or eliminate potential inflation, Forward Commanders and CFLCC Staff Principals will ensure fair, consistent and prudent application of the program with regard to award recommendations.

15. Point of contact is CPT Ellison at DSN 318-438-7256 and Ricky Allen at DSN 318-367-4146.



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